Camp Horizon Flag Football Tournament

The Game

- No contact allowed.
- NO BLOCKING, NO CHUCKING
- A coin toss determines first possession.
- Ball must be snapped between the legs to start play.
- The offensive team takes possession of the ball at their 5-yard line and has three (3) plays to cross mid-field. Once a team crosses mid-field, they will have three (3) plays to score a touchdown.
- If the offensive team fails to cross mid-field or score, possession of the ball changes and the opposite team starts their drive from their 5-yard line.
- All possession changes except interceptions start on the offenses 5-yard line.
- Teams change sides after the first 15 minutes, possession does not change and the clock does not stop (no quick snaps).
- Each time the ball is spotted a team has 30 seconds to snap the ball. Teams will receive one warning before a Delay of Game penalty is enforced.

Attire

- Cleats are allowed, except for metal spikes. Inspections can and will be made.
- Shirts must be tucked in shorts, pants, etc.
- * Shorts or pants with no belt loops or pockets

Players/Game Schedules

- Teams must field a minimum of three (3) players at all times.
- Teams consist of 6 players (4 on the field with 2 substitutes).
- If a team or teams are more than 5 minutes late for their scheduled games they will be forfeited.

Scoring

Running

- The Quarterback CANNOT run the ball.
- Only direct hand-offs behind the line of scrimmage are legal. NO laterals or pitches of any kind. Offense may use multiple hand-offs.
- The player who takes the hand-off can throw the ball as long as he does not pass the line of scrimmage.
- "No Running Zones" are located 5 yards before midfield and 5 yards before the end zone in each offensive direction.
- "No Running Zones" are designed to avoid short yardage power running situations.
- Spinning is allowed but players cannot leave their feet to avoid a defensive player.
- The ball is spotted where the ball carriers belt is when the flag is pulled, not where the ball is. Ball & flags must break the plane for a 1st down and touchdown.

Passing

- All passes must be forward and received beyond the line of scrimmage.
- Shovel passes are allowed but must be received beyond the line of scrimmage.
- QB has a 7 second "pass clock". If a pass is not thrown within the 7 seconds, play is dead, loss of down, ball returns to line of scrimmage. Once the ball is handed off the 7-second rule is no longer in effect.
- Interceptions change the possession of the ball at the point of interception. The ball comes out to the 5-yard line if the interception occurs in the end zone.

Receiving

- All players are eligible to receive passes (including the QB if the ball has been handed off behind the line of scrimmage).
- Only one player is allowed in motion at a time.
- Player must have at least one foot in bounds when making a catch.

Penalties

- All penalties will be called by the Referee and may be declined
- All penalties are assessed from the original line of scrimmage.

Defense:

- Offsides
- Interference
- Illegal Contact (holding, bump and run, blocking, etc.)
- Illegal Flag Pull (before receiver has ball)
- Illegal Rushing (start rush from inside 7 yard marker)
- All defensive penalties are 10 yards (from line of scrimmage) and automatic 1st down

Offense:

- Illegal Motion (more than 1 person moving, false start, motion, etc.)
- Illegal Forward Pass (pass received behind line of scrimmage)
- Offensive Pass Interference (illegal pick play, pushing off/away defender)
- Flag Guarding
- Delay of Game Clock will stop/10 yards and loss of down
- All offensive penalties are 10 yards (from line of scrimmage) and loss of down.
- Within 10 yards of goal, ball is placed 1/2 distance to the goal.
- Referees determine incidental contact which may result from normal run of play!
- Only the team captain may ask the referee questions about

- Games are played to 28 points or 30 minutes, whichever comes first.
- TD=6 points, Extra Point=1 (5 yards out); 2 (12 yards out), Safety=2 points

Time Outs

- Each team has one, sixty-second time out per game, in which the clock stops.
- Officials can stop the clock at their own discretion.

Rushing the OB

- All players that rush the passer must be a minimum of 7 yards from the line of scrimmage when the ball is snapped. Any number of players can rush the QB.
- Players not rushing the QB may defend on the line of scrimmage.
- Once the ball has been handed off the 7-yard rule is no longer in effect and all defenders are eligible to rush.
- A special marker, or the referee, will designate 7 yards from the line of scrimmage.

• Pass may not be intentionally tipped in any direction to another teammate.

Dead Balls

- Play is ruled "DEAD" when:
- Offensive player's flag is pulled.
- Ball carrier steps out of bounds.
- Touchdown is scored.
- At the point of an interception (interception returns are not allowed).
- Ball carrier's knee, hand or the ball hits the ground.
- Ball carrier's flag falls out.
- Receivers flag falls out. (play is dead at point of reception.)
- There are no fumbles. Ball is spotted where it hits the ground. Anytime the ball touches the ground it is dead.

Sportsmanship/Roughing

- If the field monitor or referee witnesses any acts of tackling, elbowing, cheap shots, blocking, or any unsportsmanlike act, the game will be stopped and the player can be ejected from the game. Tournament director may decide to eject players from the tournament. FOUL PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- Trash talking is illegal. Official has the right to determine language which is offensive. (Trash talk is that which may be offensive to official, opposing team, or spectators). Referee can eject players from the game for trash talking.

rule clarification and interpretations. Players cannot question judgment calls.

• Games cannot end on a defensive penalty, unless the offense declines it.

Other:

* 1 and 2 point conversions do not count as timed plays – clock stops

Overtime

- If the score is tied at the end of 30 minutes, teams move directly into overtime.
- Coin toss determines possession.
- Each team receives one (1) play from their own 5 yard line. All penalty rules apply in overtime.
- The team gaining the most yardage on the one play is declared the winner and awarded one (1) additional point.
- Teams can not score points only positive or negative yardage.